

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

RECOGNIZING THE CONTRIBUTIONS OF JEFFREY MILLER

HON. ALAN GRAYSON

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 23, 2014

Mr. GRAYSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender (LGBT) Pride Month, to recognize Jeffrey Miller.

Jeffrey currently serves as the President of the Holocaust Memorial Research and Education Center of Florida. In 2010, he was instrumental in conceiving and implementing the Upstanders Stand Up to Bullying Initiative. This ongoing and highly recognized program has since been implemented in the public middle schools of Orange, Osceola, and Seminole counties.

The Upstanders Initiative is a multi-year program which has served thousands of Central Florida students by teaching them to safely recognize bullying behavior, report it to teachers, parents, and counselors, and, most importantly, learn "upstander" rather than "bystander" behavior. Jeffrey has been responsible for raising significant amounts of money for the funding of this program through a partnership with David Yurman, the luxury jewelry retailer, as well as by representing the Center before grant-making agencies. In the schools where this program has been implemented, a significant percentage of students have reported that they have learned to identify bullying behavior and are willing to take steps to prevent it. School officials have reported a significant change in the percentage of students who are willing to be "upstanders."

Jeffrey and his husband, Ted Maines, have served as the Co-Chairs of the Holocaust Center Dinner of Tribute in 2012 and 2013 and as Co-Chairs of the 2013 Inaugural Gala for the Orlando Ballet. These events raise significant amounts of money for the operational expenses of the organizations. Jeffrey has served as an Honorary Host for the United Cerebral Palsy fundraising gala in 2014, is on the Host Committee for the Dr. Phillips Center for the Performing Arts Grand Opening in 2014-15, and will once again serve as the Ballet Gala's 2014 Co-Chair. Jeffrey has also served on the Steering Committee of the Equality Florida annual gala and as Chair of the Table Committee for the Hope and Help Headress Ball.

Jeffrey and Ted have hosted fund raisers in their home for the Orlando Ballet and Planned Parenthood, as well as numerous political fund raisers, including the Orange County Democratic Executive Committee Spring fund raiser in 2012. Jeffrey has been consistently named to the 50 Most Powerful list by Orlando Magazine. Together with Ted, has also been recognized as the Number One Power Couple by that publication—the first gay couple to achieve that recognition.

Jeffrey is a member of and contributor to the Human Rights Campaign Federal Club,

the Gift of Life Circle for Hope and Help of Central Florida, and the Acquisition Trust of the Orlando Museum of Art. In addition to the Holocaust Center, Jeffrey has served on the Board of the GLBT Community Center of Central Florida and as Treasurer of Temple Israel.

I am happy to honor Jeffrey Miller, during LGBT Pride Month, for his work on behalf of youth and the arts as well as his outstanding civic engagement in the Central Florida community.

RECOGNIZING THE CAREER OF CHIEF MIKE DAVIS

HON. DEREK KILMER

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. KILMER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the City of Gig Harbor, Washington's Chief of Police, Mike Davis, for his many years of public service to our community.

Chief Davis's career is evidence of his commitment to serving the community. Davis joined the Kitsap County Sheriff's Department nearly 30 years ago on July 1, 1984. During his time in Kitsap County, he served as a corporal, sergeant, undersheriff, and sheriff.

Serving as Gig Harbor's Police Chief since 2004, Davis has been an invaluable resource to our community and has dedicated himself to ensuring the safety of all residents. Under his tenure, Davis has helped the department upgrade and streamline vital technology, has maintained the department's response time of less than four minutes, and has bridged the gap with the community by encouraging the department's customer-service directed model. With his upcoming retirement, he succeeds in being the longest-serving police chief in the city of Gig Harbor's history.

Davis has gone above and beyond to make our community a better place. In his work as a D.A.R.E. officer in the Kitsap County Sheriff's department, he worked to prevent drug abuse among the area's youth. As Police Chief of the Gig Harbor Police Department, Davis established the Jaycox Police Benevolent Fund. In addition to helping Project Safe Harbor and the department's Citizens Offering Police Support program, the Jaycox Fund provides scholarships to high school seniors who strive to work in criminal justice one day.

Davis has dedicated himself to serving his community, and as someone who lives in that community and who is raising two little girls, I'm enormously grateful for that. He will retire on June 30, 2014, after protecting our region for exactly 30 years. Despite his retirement, Davis's work will remain an inspiration in the years to come.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to close by again applauding Davis for his dedication to serving the people of Kitsap County and Gig Harbor. He is an extraordinary first responder and a great American. I am honored to recognize his service today in the United States Congress.

IN RECOGNITION OF CALIFORNIA CHROME

HON. JOHN GARAMENDI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. GARAMENDI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize California Chrome and his team for their outstanding performance in the 2014 Kentucky Derby, Preakness, and Belmont Stakes.

California Chrome was the winner of the Kentucky Derby on May 3 and the Preakness on May 17, and had an excellent showing at the Belmont Stakes on June 7, where he tied for fourth place. His family, Perry and Denise Martin reside in Yuba City, which is in my district. I am proud to have them as constituents.

The Martins bought California Chrome's mother for only \$8,000, a bargain by horse racing standards, and the horse's success is a true "rags-to-riches" story. The Martins conducted thorough research in selecting the dam, Love the Chase, which further contributed to California Chrome's success. California Chrome inspired thousands of fans and brought a renewed sense of excitement to the races. His success shows us that no matter our background, we can rise to greatness with a little bit of luck and a lot of hard work.

His family has also made a number of important contributions to California and our entire nation. Perry Martin has worked on electronic failure analysis and environmental quality testing at McClellan business park north of Sacramento for more than a decade. He is the author of a 500-page textbook titled "Electronic Failure Analysis Handbook" and has briefed Congress and the Air Force Chief of Staff regarding avionics and weapons systems.

Congratulations to California Chrome, his jockey Victor Espinoza, trainer Art Sherman, the Martin family, and their co-owner Steve Coburn. California Chrome is a source of pride for California's 3rd Congressional District and I look forward to seeing all that he accomplishes in the future.

IN RECOGNITION OF HARWICH MIDDLE SCHOOL'S STRIDES IN ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENTALISM

HON. WILLIAM R. KEATING

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 23, 2014

Mr. KEATING. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the efforts of Harwich Middle School's environmental group, Harwich Cares.

The forty members of Harwich Cares have spent the past year educating their peers and the Harwich community about ways to reduce their energy consumption. Their efforts have included a community cleanup, an energy-efficient light bulb sale and giveaway, and visits

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to the Massachusetts Maritime Academy and Covanta SEMASS to learn more about renewable energy. Most recently, these kids presented two day-long energy carnivals for students of the Harwich and Chatham Elementary Schools.

This year, Harwich Cares won first place in Massachusetts and second place in the U.S. in the National Youth Awards Program for Energy Achievement. As such, they attended the National Energy Education Development Project's awards program in Washington, DC this past weekend.

It is truly inspiring to see a group of passionate young people educating their community and working towards a greener future. Finding cleaner sources of energy should be a national priority, and I am proud that such important strides are being made on Cape Cod.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in recognizing the educators and students of Harwich Middle School on their community education and leadership on environmental issues.

IN RECOGNITION OF SHERYL
YOUNG

HON. JACKIE SPEIER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. SPEIER. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize an extraordinary leader in San Mateo County. Sheryl Young, Chief Executive Officer of Community Gatepath, is retiring after 26 years of remarkable service to the special needs community. Sheryl is a leading ambassador for individuals with special needs in San Mateo, San Francisco and Santa Clara counties and one of the most thoughtful, generous and creative women I know. I feel extremely fortunate to count her as one of my closest friends and a member of the yoga girls. Sheryl first joined the organization as a volunteer, then known as Poplar Center, and quickly discovered she found her life's calling.

In 1988, the nonprofit provided direct services to 370 individuals, had a modest budget of \$1 million and a workforce of only 20 professionals. Since then, Sheryl has overseen remarkable growth at the agency as it now serves more than 9,000 individuals, has a budget of \$12.4 million and employs 175 directors, managers and professionals.

For more than 95 years, Community Gatepath has provided programs, support services, education, and information for the special needs community. Sheryl and her staff are dedicated to making their motto more than just words. These good people have their hearts committed to "Turning Disabilities into Possibilities." Sheryl's significant accomplishments include the launch and completion of a \$5 million capital campaign; the development of Learning Links Preschool—San Mateo County's first inclusive preschool; and the creation and launch of AbilityPath.org—a first-of-its-kind online resource and social network for parents, families, and providers that was voted best online special needs community by users of About.com in 2012. Sheryl was the only invited guest focused on children with special needs at the Federal Partners in Bullying Prevention event in 2012 that was sponsored by the U.S. Department of Education. Sheryl was also selected to participate in Harvard Busi-

ness School's Strategic Perspectives in Non-profit Management program.

As proof of Sheryl's standing in our community, "The Sheryl Young Community Impact Award" has been established to pay tribute to persons, businesses and organizations that make an impact in their community by helping people with disabilities.

Sheryl is a graduate of the Stanford University Graduate School of Business Executive Program for Non-Profit Leaders. She also earned a Masters of Public Health from the University of California at Berkeley, a Master's Degree in Special Education from Ball State University and a Bachelor's Degree in Political Science from Purdue University.

I first met Sheryl when she worked for the County of San Mateo. A friend of mine gave birth to a child with Down syndrome and was told by her doctors that she would be unable to raise the girl and was urged to turn her over to a residential treatment center. Sheryl advocated on behalf of the infant and found a suitable program at Poplar Center to assist the family. Sheryl was so impressed with the program at Poplar Center that she stayed involved. Shortly thereafter, Sheryl's heart and head convinced her to leave county government and accept an offer to lead Poplar Center.

Little did I know that this first encounter with Sheryl would lead to a lifetime friendship. I find inspiration in her leadership style and her entrepreneurial spirit within the non-profit community. In her retirement, Sheryl is primed to continue her world travels, read and hike more and is delightfully planning her daughter's wedding, with dreams of becoming a grandma. Her co-workers will miss her energy, warmth and ability to think outside the box. They will miss her daily example of unconditional love toward her clients and friends.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in thanking Sheryl Young for being a public servant extraordinaire. Sheryl has changed lives for the better, including my own.

RECOGNIZING THE CONTRIBUTIONS OF JASON LAMBERT

HON. ALAN GRAYSON

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Mr. GRAYSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender (LGBT) Pride Month, to recognize Jason Lambert. Jason has been a small business owner in downtown Orlando for over ten years and has been involved with local politics and community fundraising since 2004. He has owned bars and restaurants in downtown Orlando, Thornton Park, and Ivanhoe Village, which, for over a decade, has enabled him to host fundraising and special events.

In 2005, Jason was honored to have been one of the founding members of the Human Rights Campaign (HRC) Orlando Steering Committee. Since that time, he has served on the Board of Governors for over six years. He was also the Federal Club co-chair for over two years, during which time the Orlando Steering Committee was awarded "Federal Club of the Year" by the HRC. He also co-chaired the annual "COOK Orlando" event for three years, one of the signature fundraising events for the local community.

One of his proudest moments with HRC was when he ran the Marine Corps Marathon in Washington D.C. as an HRC Athlete for Equality in 2012, just one year after the historic repeal of Don't Ask, Don't Tell. In addition to HRC, Jason also contributes to and supports the Democratic Party, Planned Parenthood, Libby's Legacy Breast Cancer Foundation, Equality Florida, Come Out with Pride, and the Metropolitan Business Association (MBA).

Most recently, his newest business was recognized as the "2014 Small Business of the Year" by the MBA. He currently serves on the Ivanhoe Village Main Street Board as the Promotions Chair and was recently asked to be on the board of The Barber Fund, a local organization that helps people living with cancer. He lives with his partner Joe and their two dogs Logan and Blue.

I am happy to honor Jason Lambert, during LGBT Pride Month, for his contributions to the LGBT and Central Florida community.

RECOGNIZING THE OUTSTANDING
WORK OF TODD ALLEN AND
KEMAL PASAMEHMETOGLU

HON. MICHAEL K. SIMPSON

OF IDAHO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 23, 2014

Mr. SIMPSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the work of Deputy Laboratory Director Todd Allen and Associate Laboratory Director Kemal Pasamehmetoglu, two of the Idaho National Laboratory's leaders in nuclear energy research and development. On June 17, 2014, The American Nuclear Society's Materials Science and Technology Division honored these two Idaho National Laboratory leaders with achievement awards at the American Nuclear Society meeting in Reno, Nevada. The awards were presented at the American Nuclear Society Embedded Topical meeting on Nuclear Fuels and Structural Materials.

Kemal Pasamehmetoglu, Idaho National Laboratory's Associate Laboratory Director for Nuclear Science & Technology was honored as the 2013 recipient of its Special Achievement Award. The division's most prestigious award recognizes international leadership in establishing a science-based approach to nuclear fuel development and seminal contributions to the nuclear materials area.

Todd Allen, Idaho National Laboratory's Deputy Laboratory Director for Science & Technology, was honored as the 2012 recipient of the Outstanding Achievement Award for his leadership and many contributions to nuclear materials area.

Our nation needs to continue investing in research and development to enhance economic prosperity, energy security and US leadership. While researchers like Todd Allen and Kemal Pasamehmetoglu have come to the Idaho National Laboratory to use unique equipment and facilities to push nuclear technology forward, they are also leading teams of talented men and women to accelerate American innovation. It is appropriate that the American Nuclear Society has recognized Drs. Allen and Pasamehmetoglu for their technical contributions, and I would like to offer my own thanks to Todd and Kemal for their great work.